

REMARKS

Claims 1-23, 27-33, 56-65 and 68-77 were pending. Applicants have herein cancelled claims 1-10, 12-13, 15, 18, 20, 23-33, 56-64, and 68-77 without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application. Applicants have also amended claims 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 65 to independent form and have incorporated all of the limitations of the claims on which they were previously dependent. Claim 21 has been amended to correct its dependency. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21-22, and 65 are pending.

In light of the amendments and the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Rejections based on Double Patenting – Statutory and Obviousness-Type

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-23, 27-33, 56-65, and 68-77 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 1, 3-23, 27-33, 56-65, and 68-77 of co-pending Application No. 11/098,665. Applicants respectfully note that the conflicting claims were cancelled in a preliminary amendment filed April 4, 2005 in the co-pending case. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

The Examiner also rejected claim 2 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 2 of co-pending Application No. 11/098,665. Applicants note that claim 2 was also cancelled in the previously noted preliminary amendment. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 13, 15, 20, 29-31, 57, and 58 as being indefinite. Applicants have herein cancelled claims 13, 15, 20, 29-31, 57, and 58, rendering the rejections moot. Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-8, 15, 20-23, 27-33, 56-64, 68, and 70-77 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carpenter *et al.*, U.S. Pat. No. 6,656,448. Without acquiescing in the rejection in any way, Applicants respectfully note that claims 1-3, 5-8, 15, 20-23, 27-33, 56-64, 68, and 70-77 have been cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the "Cross-reference to Related Applications" section of the disclosure, stating that the relationship of the present application to Application No. 10/209,172 ("the '172 Application") was not set forth. Applicants respectfully note that the present application is a divisional of and claims priority to U.S. Application No. 10/209,183 ("the '183 Application"). The '183 Application and the '172 Application have identical disclosures and were both filed on July 30, 2002. Thus, the present application is not directly related through a priority chain to the '172 Application, but is related to the '172 Application in disclosure content. By making this cross-reference to the '172 Application, Applicants endeavored to ensure that the Examiner was aware of the co-pending '172 Application. Applicants have thus not amended the "Cross-Reference" paragraph, and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Objections

The Examiner noted that claims 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants have so amended claims 11, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 65. Applicants have also inserted the term "and" between the structures of claims 17 and 19, as requested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the objections.

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CONCLUSION

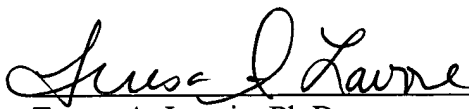
Applicants respectfully assert that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is hereby requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the under-signed attorney if such would expedite prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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